(d) and (e) Out of the above 26 proposals, 16 were sanctioned. In respect of 9 proposals, plans, estimates and other preliminaries have not yet been finalised. Proposal for road overbridge at Ongole was rejected, as it did not fulfil the prescribed traffic density norms.

Survey conducted for operating new routes by Air India

904. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of new routes to be operated by Air India during the remaining plan period and during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Governments have made requests in this regard, including Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Air India have not conducted any field survey in the recent past. However, from the long-term point of view, Air India is studying various aspects of operating to new destinations. Field surveys will be undertaken at an appropriate time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of India have received representations from State Governments, Members of Parliament, Associations and individuals demanding more international flights to airports such as Trivandrum, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneshwar; Jaipur, Amritsar, Bangalore etc. Demand has also been made for upgrading of airports to international status.

Handling of British Airways Flights by Air India at Madras Airport

905. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India handles British Airways flights, Ramp, Traffic and Cargo etc. at Madras Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the contract and what financial gain accrues to Air India in this venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With effect from 1st November, 1988, Air India provides package handling, ramp handling, cargo handling and cabin crew cleaning services to British Airways flights at Madras. With the existing frequencies of two flights per week, Air India expects to earn Rs. 40 lakhs per year by providing the above services.

Introduction of Vayudoot services in Southern Zone

906. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to introduce Vayudoot services from Hyderabad to (i) Srirailam, (ii) Guntur (iii) Nagarjuna Sagar, (iv) Bhadrachalam, (v) Ramagundam, (vi) Kurnool in view of the growing demand for air travel and whether these proposals are still pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Union Government so far in the matter?